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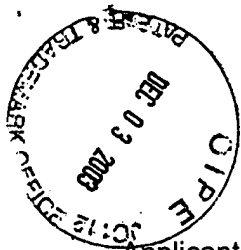
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Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/324,664 filed December 20, 2002, by Catherine M. Hancock-Cooke for "ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH UNITARY ELASTOMERIC WAISTBAND WITH MULTIPLE EXTENSION ZONES."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/324,666 filed December 20, 2002, by Catherine M. Hancock-Cooke et al. for "ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH AN ELASTIC WAISTBAND HAVING A PREFERRED RATIO OF ELASTIC TO NON-ELASTIC MATERIALS."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/325,500 filed December 19, 2002, by Paul T. Van Gompel et al. for "DISPOSABLE UNDERGARMENT WITH A STRETCHABLE ABSORBENT INSERT AND METHOD FOR THE USE THEREOF."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/414,986 filed April 15, 2003, by Paul T. Van Gompel et al. for "A DISPOSABLE PANT-LIKE UNDERGARMENT."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/449,973 filed May 30, 2003, by Jerome Steven Veith et al. for "A DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING AN INTEGRAL WAISTBAND."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/449,988 filed May 30, 2003, by Jerome Steven Veith et al. for "A DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND METHOD OF FORMING THE ARTICLE."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/452,714 filed May 30, 2003, by Paul T. Van Gompel et al. for "A DISPOSABLE PANT-LIKE UNDERGARMENT HAVING AN ELASTIC BAND ADJACENT THE WAIST OPENING."

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449; however, copies of these applications are provided herewith.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

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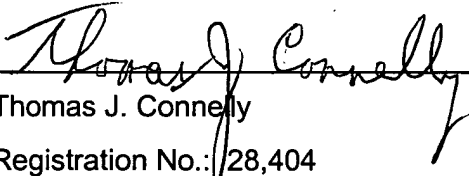
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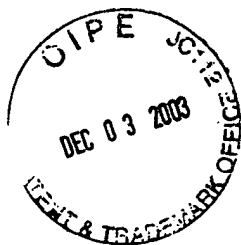
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